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(fact which had been notorious public knowledge for several years). Moreover since Cuban crisis Castro-Communists have for first time found occasion voice serious criticism of Junta, characterizing Peru's support for OAS resolution as evidence "subservience to U.S."

Embassy will continue to watch developing situation particularly with respect possibility internal stresses and strains within Junta and armed forces over policies toward Castro-Communist subversion and will take advantage possibilities afforded to urge stronger action or at least discontinuance aid and comfort at present being given leftist extremists masquerading as anti-Apristas.

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